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SUBJECT: MBFR-UK PAPER OF JULY 30

DEFENSE FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FROM AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

REF: USNATO 3588

1. YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED REFERENCED USNATO MESSAGE CONTAINING PAPER ON SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF MBFR CIRCULATED BY UK DEL JULY 30. UK PAPER CAUSES SEVERAL PROBLEMS FOR US, PARTICULARLY IN ITS INSISTENCE THAT REDUCTIONS IN U.S. FORCES SHOULD NOT EXCEED 10 PERCENT. OTHER ALLIES, PARTICULARLY FRG, ARE LIKELY TO BE TROUBLED BY UK PAPER'S REFUSAL TO GET INTO QUESTION OF SECOND PHASE OF REDUCTIONS, WHICH WOULD COVER INDIGENIOUS FORCES, UNTIL AFTER RESULTS OF FIRST PHASE ARE CLEAR.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT UK MOD LORD CARRINGTON WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 1-2 AS YOUR GUEST, POSSIBLY THIS VISIT OFFERS GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU AND OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH WHOM CARRINGTON WILL MEET TO STRESS THE NEED FOR GREATER UK FLEXIBILITY ON MBFR ISSUES MENTIONED ABOVE. WHILE IT IS
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UNLIKELY THAT CARRINGTON WILL BE ABLE AGREE ON THE SPOT TO SHIFTS IN UK POSITION, RAISING SUBJECT WITH HIM WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO GET U.S. VIEWS TO TOP OF UK GOVERNMENT BEFORE DETAILED WORK ON MBFR POSITION BEGINS IN NATO.

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